

Earth First! Action Update

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Earth First! is not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar principles to work under. The general principles behind the name are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces that are responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants.

"We haven't gone away!"
- Earth First!

DETR OCCUPIED

In protest at the government plans to reinstate the roads building programme by stealth, and the blatant hypocrisy between this and the Governments claims to be tackling climate change, the offices of Sir Michael Meacher, Environment Minister and Lord Gus McDonald, Transport Minister were occupied on Friday 1st of December.

25 individuals from Earth First! gathered in London to occupy and shut down the DETR. The DETR was on "Black Alert" (appropriate!) so after dodging a minimal police and security presence a handful of activists gained access to the DETR while others raised banners on the sculpture outside "No More Roads" etc., and others locked on to access gates to deny entry to bureaucrats going to meetings. Several offices were occupied including Lord Gus McDonalds, and Sir Michael Meachers which was barricaded. Having access to internal phone lists Tony Blair, John Prescott, and the Whips Office, plus everyone else, were phoned stating, "Hello, we're occupying the DETR. Several years ago the SACTRA report, which was endorsed by Government, stated, more roads, more congestion, hence more CO2! The Government is planning 139 new roads, we just thought we'd say, we've noticed, and we haven't gone away!"

The 6th Floor window of Meachers office was covered with the slogan "Reduce CO2!" and the office was held for three hours before police managed to break in. Even after scrambling riot vans and a lorry load of crowd control fencing there was only a handful of arrests, all released without charge. A spokesperson said "If we can access Government buildings and occupy their offices anyone can, and why not!"

!! ALL CHANGE AT THE ACTION UPDATE !!

A new editorial collective has now formed to take on the Action Update from February onwards. This edition (no.72) has been produced by the Newcastle group to fill the gap since the last edition, and is on a limited run. Apologies for the delay, but prepare yourself for good things to come.

The new group's contact details are these: Earth First! Action Update, PO Box 487, Norwich, NR2 3AL. 0797 4791841. actionupdate@gn.apc.org.

We hope you will welcome them, provide articles and subscriptions and help make the Action Update a really effective networking tool. Their first, revamped edition will appear in a month's time.

Subscriptions cost a minimum of five pounds for 12 issues. Send more if you can afford it so we can give free subscriptions to prisoners etc.. Cheques payable to Earth First! Action Update. For security, we recommend false names and a collect or c/o address. An email edition of the EF!AU is also available for free.

Other news: there is no EF! Winter Moot this year, but a collective is organising what could be the best summer gathering yet: your input is needed, see survey inside.

SO that's the last from us here in Newcastle, but we hope to see many of you in the future, in defense of mother earth.

Victory for the Uwa

Fidelity Investments has dumped 18 million shares of Oxy stock, approximately 60% of their holdings worth over \$412 million dollars. This divestment came on the heels of mass protest around the world - thousands of people mobilized to demonstrate at over 75 fidelity offices, non-violently occupy Fidelity investor centers, symbolically dump blood and oil and generate tons of bad publicity for Fidelity.

Supporters of Colombia's Uwa people, who have vowed to commit mass suicide if Occidental Petroleum continues oil drilling on their land, are now turning their attention to Oxy's new largest shareholder, Sanford C. Bernstein.

Write, call or fax Sanford Bernstein's Vice Chairman Roger Hertog at their US Corporate Headquarters at: Mr. Roger Hertog, Vice Chairman, Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York. Sanford's parent company Alliance Capital has offices around the world. Contact: Rainforest Action Network at organize@ran.org, info at www.ran.org

Tree Protest in Wembley

Wembley locals have set up a campaign to stop McAlpine from destroying their local trees, but desperately need more help. The 30 year old poplars on Repton Avenue, Wembley are to be cut down despite the views of residents

who want to keep their space green. The campaign wants to involve more local people, but all advice, support and energy is welcome. Future plans include a tree dressing ceremony and picnic. When it comes to the chop residents would really like more support to take direct action.

If you can help contact: 0208 9023530 zerinetata@hotmail.com

Terrorist Archbishop

A strong welsh coalition against the terrorism act has formed. Following the success of the Bangor demo in May, another rally was organised by Gwynedd and Mon EP! in Cardiff outside the national assembly on October 11th. This midweek event, timed for when the Assembly was sitting, had 70 people attending, practically all of whom represented a group or campaign. The coalition has the support of several Assembly Members and of the Archbishop of Wales!

The EF!AU is written by activists as a networking tool for activists. A different collective takes on its editorship for a year at a time, in line with EF!'s non-hierarchical principles. If you have done an action, set up a new group, or want to tell people about a campaign, then send us an article.

News in Brief

On the anniversary of the massive anti-WTO protests of November 30th, nine Starbucks coffeshops were trashed in Seattle and a celebration of the protests was organized. Police roughly arrested hundreds of peaceful protesters after they refused to leave the Seattle Westlake Centre.

On New Years Eve a Reclaim the Streets took place in Denver Colorado, and on December 16th, over 200 partiers attended a surprise street party in San Francisco. Meanwhile in Poland, nurses organised a Christmas party in the middle of the street in front of the ministry of health as it was being occupied by their colleagues. The police didn't dare to remove the tables with christmas dressing which were blocking the street. Anarchists made warm tea for everyone except the police!

Cattle strayed onto a trial crop of GM forage maize at Somerset and damaged a National List trial. Funnily the cattle didn't eat any of it!

An international squatters mailing list has been set up by the dutch squat mailing list. To subscribe, send an empty mail to kraken-int-subscribe@dvxs.nl with the message: kraken-int@dvxs.nl

Nearly 1500 prisoners in 48 Turkish prisons were on hunger-strike or death-fast against the Turkish state. The Turkish police invaded 20 prisons on 19th December and brought a horrible, bloody end to this conflict. Hundreds of hunger-fasters were injured, and at least 15 died, many burning themselves to avoid the torture of force-feeding. Their message was "States are the Terrorists, Solidarity is the Weapon of the People...As long as there is one prisoner, nobody will be free".

On the 3rd of November two Jubilee Ploughshares 2000 activists entered RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire, England, and disarmed a convoy truck which was being made ready to take nuclear warheads to Faslane in Scotland. Once in Faslane the nuclear warheads would have been fitted for the Trident Submarines. Under the Ploughshares philosophy, activists must take responsibility for their actions and so having carried out their actions the two activists handed themselves into the police.

On 14th December, over a thousand pounds sterling was sent to the Prague Prisoner Support Fund from the UK bank account. To send money directly to Czech Prisoner Support, use these bank details:
NAME OF BANK: IPB (Investicni Postovni Banka.), ADDRESS: CS. ARMADY 35, 160 00 PRAHA 6, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 167 555 569/ 5100, SWIFT CODE FOR FASTER TRANSACTION: INBACZPP

Two separate websites have been set up to disseminate Earth Liberation Front news. The two websites are:
<http://www.geocities.com/earthliberationfront/>
<http://www.earthliberationfront.com/main.shtml>

Eco-Turkeys shut down GM Distribution centre

On December 19th an Asda distribution centre was closed down for one hour as twenty activists, many dressed in Christmas turkey costumes, chained themselves to Asda's lorries at the distribution depot's entrance and exit. The activists were preventing Asda's meat and dairy products raised on Genetically Modified (GM) animal feed from reaching consumers. Police arrived as the blockade ended, there were no arrests.

The activists locked themselves to two lorries simultaneous leaving and arriving to completely block the single entrance/ exit. Several turkey-costumed activists sat on top of the lorries. Two banners, one 10 metres long, were hung from the lorries. One read 'STUFF YOUR GM TURKEYS' and another 'GM FEED IS FOWL'. The blockade was called off when an independent haulier in the depot asked to leave saying one of his relatives was involved in an emergency situation. The Dairy Technical Director of Asda, Mr Cheese-right [that really is his name!] agreed to a meeting with the activists the following day.

Eco-chickens Shut Down GM Importer

At 8am on 20 November sixty Greenpeace volunteers dressed as pantomime chickens shut down the UK's only GM soya mill. The plant at Gladstone Docks, Liverpool, is the main gateway for GM crop imports into the UK and processes both GM and normal soya. Most of the crop is mixed into animal feed, while oil extracted from the beans is sold for use in food such as crisps and biscuits. Neither GM animal feed or GM derivatives in food are required to be labelled.

The chickens were concealed in four trucks which were driven into the plant through the main gate. The trucks were immobilised, blocking the weigh-stations used by grain trucks as they enter and leave the site. Sixty chickens then burst out of the back of the trucks and dispersed across the facility. Many chained themselves to equipment in the plant, while others scaled and shut down a 40-metre-high conveyor belt. After attaching a 'GM INSIDE' banner to the mechanism they set up camp in a Portalegge (a small tent suspended over the side of the conveyor belt).



GM Court Victory

A group of five GM crop pullers went on trial at Darlington Magistrate's Court for five days from 13 to 17 November 2000. In October 1999 the defendants had spent hours in torrential rain openly uprooting an entire crop (tennis court sized) of AgrEvo (now Aventis) GM oilseed rape in a field near Hutton Magna. All were charged with criminal damage and had produced signed statements to explain their actions.

The result: Judge Firth said the five GM crop pullers were guilty but honest and with positive motives. He said that any reasonable person would have pulled up more trial sites and much earlier! He said that AgrEvo and the farmer should not get any compensation. The defendants got a 12 month conditional discharge and £300 each court costs. The prosecution said sorry and she's given up GM food for the sake of her unborn twin babies. The crop pullers remain defiant.

There are other GMO-trashers still going through the court system. On 23 November, Rowan Tilly of the genetiX snowball campaign lost her case in the Court of Appeal at Ely, Cambridgeshire. She had contested her conviction of aggravated trespass last June for pulling up GM crops on 3 August 1999. Undeterred, she vows to continue to remove GM crops. The other defendants in the case, Jo Hamilton and Martin Shaw, have both received warrants for non-payment of their fines. Rowan Tilly stated that she has no intention of paying her fine either.

Contact: Rowan Tilly, P.O. Box 3279, Brighton, BN1 1TL, rowantilly@gn.apc.org

ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Actions in Den Haag

The wash-out talks on climate change at den Haag (Netherlands) in November were matched by a festival of opposition and direct action. Day-by-day ways were found to make the peoples' voices heard.

Saturday

2-3000 people built a dyke around the Conference Centre in a respectable action by Friends of the Earth. Meanwhile at the Climate Technology trade fair activists 'raised sea levels' in the building by replumbing the basement. Shell's HQ was paintbombed, too, and one of their garages had its windows put in.

Sunday

A lunchtime critical mass of 200 cyclists preceded the opening of a 2 day 'Counter Conference'. Later, delegates and ministers arriving at the station were met by a crowd of 500 making a massive racket. In the evening, the 'Liquidators' showed up at a dinner for the ministers and spilt symbolic 'blood' red wine on them.

Monday

ASEED (Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development) activists wearing gags occupied the Ministry of the Environment, after their access to the Conference Centre was withdrawn by the UN. In the evening, activists targeted the press launch of a website where emissions are 'traded'. A samba band brought the noise, while inside undercover troublemakers caused disruption with words and a smokebomb, and leafleted a surprisingly sympathetic audience. Elsewhere, hackers shut down the website.

Tuesday

People entered the offices of the International Emissions Trading Association to drop banners, dish out verbal grief and spread pro-planet propaganda.

Wednesday

The day started with 150 arrested at an anti-nuclear demo. Meanwhile, activists were infiltrating the Conference Centre. More replumbing, computers disappeared, and pixieing of all kinds went on right under the noses of the security. The head of the US delegation got pied.

The Pie-ing

Frank Loy, the leader of the US delegation and all-round corporate stooge, was greeted with a black (offset) forest gateau by 2 women known only as Agents Cherry Pie and Sushi. This is their statement: "This pie, Frank Loy, was for you and all the vested interests you represent. This conference is a farce - it isn't about finding solutions to an ecological crisis, it's become a series of trade talks...The Western lifestyle is not sustainable, and the rich can't buy

their way out of global warming. Today you are being held accountable for your actions and you will continue to meet resistance."

Pieing info: <http://www.asis.com/~bbb/>

The Noise Demo

On Sunday over 50 people performed a traditional Dutch 'noise demo' outside of Breda Prison in support of a UK woman who was arrested on Monday and held on remand. She had stood up to rant and been violently ejected by security guards. Later she was arrested for spurious reasons.

Everyone had things to make noise with - metal sheets and sticks, drums - and fireworks, distress flares and orange smoke bombs were set off. The prisoner, now released with a court date in January, said it was a brilliant thing to happen and really raised her spirits.

Sheffield's Critical Mass

About 50 very wet people from cyclists to drummers to walkers to a group in fantastic carnival costumes took to the streets to help people make the mental leap between extreme weather and climate change.

First they went into town to cheers from passers by. They had hundreds of copies of the Climate Change comic book. They headed for the inner ring road, moving very slowly indeed, and caused long traffic jams for two hours.

At the second roundabout, people stood on the balconies of the housing estate next to it cheering and clapping. These people have to live with the ring road pollution every day.

After this they moved to a nearby shell garage where people leafleted about shell in Nigeria. People from the Broomhall housing estate came to chat, saying how inspired they were. It ended with a fantastic tally of lots of traffic jams, lots of pleased passers by, no arrests and no injuries.

Leeds, PriceWaterhouseCoopers

On Friday 8th December, in the wake of the farcical Climate Conference, 12 activists blockaded the front entrance of the Leeds branch of PriceWaterhouseCoopers preventing workers from using it for over an hour. Two women entered the building but were quickly manhandled out of the back by burly security guards. The revolving doors were physically blocked by people sitting in them and security kindly locked the adjacent door to preventing staff from using it. Staff who wished to enter the building to go to work (instead of taking advice to take the day off) were directed by security to a back entrance. A banner read 'Climate Change Means More Floods' and staff and passers-by were given leaflets explaining the action.

Car parks around the back for staff and visitors were intermittently locked by security for fear that the protesters would enter the building, leading to tailbacks of staff cars which gave protesters an opportunity to talk to staff about the issues.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers were targeted because of their involvement in 'Carbon Trading', which lets rich countries increase their emissions by buying up 'spare' emissions quotas from less developed countries.

Bridges over approach roads into the city of York (one of the areas worst affected by recent floods) were also spray painted with the slogan 'Climate Change = Floods'.

Samba in London City

A small but spirited group of concerned people brought a mini-carnival into the home of capital on 13th October to make clear connections between profit, climate change, floods and fuel protests. A makeshift Rising Tide samba band went through its paces as commemorative blue plaques, such as Londoners see fixed to the homes of famous historical individuals, were fixed to the offices of a selection of companies causing climate chaos as well as attempting to make money out of it through emissions trading and other fabulously dodgy 'mechanisms'.

The leaflets handed out showed the tip of Canary Wharf - one of London's most distinctive high finance landmarks - redesigned as a shark's fin swimming through floodwaters, and presaged a somewhat long-winded text that managed to take in floods, fuel protests, the uselessness of government & democracy, the monumental misguidedness of green NGOs; not to mention Big Oil and climate justice. The carnival was headed by a silver banner reading 'A Rising Tide for Climate Justice', unexpectedly blocking the traffic while heading out of Liverpool Street and towards British Petroleum. A blue plaque was applied to BP Finance, Merrill Lynch (analysts to Shell & BP) and Shandwick (PR Company for Shell during the Ogoni 'crisis'). By now the police 'facilitation' of the 'protest', which 'allowed' them to process up and down the street, was becoming a bit claustrophobic as the expressionless ones in big boots formed a close cordon. When the Samba band grew tired they ended the event in a local café.

Further info:

<http://www.climateconference.org>

<http://www.risingtide.nl>

<http://squatt.net/climate>

Earth First! Summer Gathering Survey

This year's organizing collective would like to hear what people want from their 2001 Summer Gathering. Here are questions they thought would be useful, but please tell them whatever is important to you. More copies of this survey are available on request.

You can email your response on <summergathering@yahoo.co.uk>, or post it to Earth First! Summer Gathering, the Greenhouse, 42-26 Bethel St, Norwich, NR2, 1NR. You can also leave messages for the collective on 0845 4589595.

There are still chances to get involved: and you don't have to go to every meeting to get involved. The topics that have ** beside them are small projects that help make up the gathering, that you could get involved with in your own time. Some of them have people already interested that you could work with, others could start with your ideas.

"1. We are hoping to have the gathering in the school holidays this year, in a "central-ish" area (that's central looking at the map of Britain!). Any comments about date and site – or site ideas?

2. The gathering wants to be accessible to new folk. * This can include welcome sessions, tours, and beginners-style workshops. What else could we do, and how?

3. If you're an old-timer – what would make the gathering most valuable to you?

4. Workshops include both practical skills sessions and discussion sessions. What workshops do you find most useful and interesting? What new ones could we have?

5. We want some good ways to include the kids in what the grown-ups are doing. Any ideas?

6. Please give us your thoughts on...

food - alcohol/bar* - drugs

the ideal creche* - womens space*

mens space* - equal (special needs) access

kids* - library* - provisions store*

fun and games* - facilitation

general site suggestions – layout etc

evening entertainment*

work/jobs on site - loos

7. Would you like to be involved in any of the above?

Can you offer workshops, or facilitation, or the loan of useful stuff? Do you know anyone who can? Please give us details!!

8. Earth First! as a community is made up of every one who chooses to see themselves as part of that community. It doesn't matter who you are or what you've done or are doing. There is no checklist you have to live up to. Everyone who comes to the gathering should feel comfortable, included, and valued. What comments do you have on this, and what would make the 2001 gathering feel like this for you?

9. Other comments?

Your contact details (optional)

The gathering collective exists only to get the gathering going. Once you arrive, you too are the crew. So please take some time to think of what you or your group could bring along or offer to make this year's EF! Summer Gathering the coolest yet."

PRISONERS

London November 30th

(6 months for affray)

Jonathan Elliot, FT10TT

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ENGLAND

London MayDay, 7 months for Affray

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(also seeking asylum.

4 weeks left, only speaks Spanish:)

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also

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(Sentenced 18/07/00 to nine months)

also

Gareth Williams

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London, N7 8TT, England

(Sentenced 08/09/00 to six months

imprisonment)

Miscarriage of Justice:

Satpal Ram

HMP Blakenhurst

Hewell Lane

Redditch

Worcs

B97 6QS

Free Satpal Ram Campaign (London),

P.O. Box 30091, London, SE1 1WP

<http://www.appleonline.net/satpal/>

Animal Rights (Shamrock Monkey Farm)

60 day sentence for insulting farm workers:

Rae Newlands

HMP Holloway

Parkhurst Rd

London

N7 ONU

ENGLAND

Earth Defense, USA:

Craig Marshall

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Jeffrey Luers #1306729

101 W. 5th Street

Eugene

Oregon 97401 USA.

June 18th, USA

88 month sentence

Robert Thaxton #12112716 /

OSP / 2605 State St. / Salem,

OR / 97310

Free West Papua

West Papua declared independence on the 1st December.

"The square was, for the most part, full of Papuan's, with full battle dress riot police, armed with automatic weapons at every entry point to the square. Speeches, prayers and singing all created a peaceful carnival atmosphere. It was incredible to see no fear, from any of the man woman and children present. Even though clear to me they were in grave danger. Each speaker asked the Papuans, if they wanted the flag taken down and in a unanimous and resounding defiance of the Indonesian order, they, time after time shouted back "no, no, no. Freedom to Papua (Papua Merdeka)"

Indonesia is now employing brutal suppression tactics. Up to 80,000 Indonesian troops are deployed in the province, British-supplied Hawk planes fly overhead. Many people have been arrested after raising the national flag, demonstrators have been arrested, members of the Papua Presidium Council detained without charge and several people shot dead.

Please put pressure on Indonesia and other governments to bring international pressure. Info : <http://www.eco-action.org/opm>
<http://www.ifpcn-global.org/>

Cork Anti-Pylon Campaign

Cork Harbour, Eire, has one of the highest concentration of powerlines in the country. Despite this, and despite the existence of more suitable alternative proposals, ESB plan to build a 23 km long pylon project from Aghada to Raffeen, destroying acres of countryside. Local residents have been campaigning against the proposals since 1994, and during this time ESB have consistently lied about the potential impact of the project, and about the feasibility of alternatives, willfully misleading the public. Cork Anti-Pylon Group recently lost a High Court battle with ESB on a legal technicality as the judge ruled that as ESB had already begun work they should be allowed to continue!

There are 54 sites where ESB plan to erect pylons, and locals aim to physically stop the work being carried out. Two camps have been set up on the route, with tree-houses, tunnels, lock-ons and communal benders. It's likely that work will begin sometime in the new year so campers are busily strengthening defences. More activists are really welcome to come over, build defences, occupy sites, and enjoy the new year in beautiful County Cork. For directions and current info, tel: (00353) 879 806401 (mobile). For campaign info, see www.cobonline.com/nomorepylons

Mark Barnsley CPS Action

On 19th December 2000, 20 people entered the Crown Prosecution Services (CPS) offices in Sheffield in protest at the continued imprisonment of Sheffield anarchist prisoner Mark Barnsley, and the withholding of vital evidence from his defence.

Entrance was gained easily by some smartly dressed people, and then everyone else ran inside and up stairs to the upper offices. The invasion and occupation caused a major disturbance and CPS workers were left with no uncertainty about the strength of feeling about this miscarriage of justice. Leaflets were given to all the staff stating: "The CPS have framed Mark Barnsley...they would like to think that he doesn't exist, but we won't forget... if they won't release the evidence then we will just go look for it ourselves". Unfortunately the police station is next door to the CPS building, and the police arrived very quickly and people were ejected from the building. A banner proclaiming "Free Mark Barnsley" was hung from trees right outside the building so passers-by knew what was going on. Local press were in attendance.

In total 16 people were arrested, as some managed to get away. They were held for up to 10 hours and all charged with "conspiracy to burgle, with intent". They have been bailed to appear at Hull Magistrates (they cannot be prosecuted by Sheffield CPS!) on 9th January for what could be an interesting court case where all the CPS dirty laundry about all the evidence they have been withholding could be aired in public!

Mark Barnsley has been framed for a crime he did not commit, and has been wrongly sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. He was framed because he was a well known working class anarchist activist. Info : www.appleonline.net/markbarnsley/mark.htm, barnsleycampaign@hotmail.com An excellent pamphlet about his case, "Beaten Up, Fitted Up, Locked Up", is available for £3 from PO Box 381, Huddersfield, HD1 3XX.

McDonalds Action

McDonalds opened in Bangor on 20th November and were greeted by about 25 people, mostly from Gwynedd and Mon Earth First! They gave away free veggie burgers and bilingual leaflets. Attempts to get up on the roof failed due to the presence of fat workmen. One man was arrested for returning McDollars own rubbish to them, but he was released minutes later. Protesters were there for 5 hours and management were not happy bunnies. This is the first of many actions that will be held until McDollars leaves town!

Diary Dates

January 16th, 12.30 Westminster Abbey, non-violent blockade of parliament against sanctions on Iraq. People wanted to drop banners, lock on, die in etc.. Contact : Campaign Against Sanctions on Iraq, <http://welcome.to/casi> Iraq c/o of 99 Binstead Grove Sheffield S58nt

January 24th - 28th, Actions Against the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Info : <http://www.ecn.org/agp/index1.html>

February 12th, The Big Blockade of Faslane Nuclear Submarine base, near Glasgow. Thousands expected. Contact : 0141 433 2859

March 15th, International Day Against Police Brutality. Info : <http://www.tao.ca/~cobp/index.html>

Casual Deaths

On 7th December work stopped on the Sir Robert McAlpine job in Bishopsgate, London as over 100 construction workers attended a mass meeting outside the site where Vincent Dooley lost his life in a fall. The Construction Safety Campaign (CSC) is calling for an end to the slaughter that is currently occurring on Britain's building sites (nearly twice as many as last year). They plan a day of action on the 27th February to coincide with the planned government health and safety crisis in construction conference, to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, opposite the Houses of Parliament.

Info : <http://www.lhc.org.uk>
Also : The company Euromin and its general manager James Martell will be prosecuted for the death of student Simon Jones, who was crushed by a crane at Shoreham Harbour, after a two-year campaign by his family. Info : www.simonjones.org.uk

No Sweat

No Sweat, a UK based campaign against sweatshops, has been launched and since September has leafleted the Labour Party Conference, done web campaigning, campaigned with Manchester United supporters around the Nike shirt deal and organized a day of action against Nike and Gap on 9th December. It is also working to unionise fast-food restaurants, shops and sweatshops in the UK.

For leaflets, posters, camera-ready artwork, petitions, stickers (please don't stick these all over the stock in your local Gap) contact : www.nosweat.org.uk, nosweatcamp@yahoo.co.uk, 07958 556 756, 23b Northlands St, London SE5.

CONTACTS FOR EARTH FIRST! AND OUR FRIENDS, JANUARY 2001

ACTION GROUPS

Action groups are local EF! Contacts. Some are active groups, others need more people to get in touch. Other contacts are groups whose principles we agree with fully or in part.

Bath EFi
c/o PO Box 426, Bath
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Bristol EFi
c/o Box 51
Greenleaf Bookshop
82 Colston Street
Bristol BS1 5BB
0117 939 3093

Cambridge EFi
Box E, 12 Mill Road
Cambridge CB1 2AD
Cheltenham EFi
16 Portland Street
Cheltenham
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Exeter Environ. Network
PO Box 185
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Guildford EFi
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